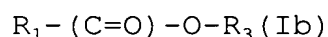


--9. (Amended) Composition as defined in claim

5, for which the constituent solvent of the oil phase of the inverse latex is a mixture of compounds of formulae (Ia<sub>1</sub>), (Ia<sub>2</sub>) and/or (Ia<sub>3</sub>).

Amend claim 10 as follows:

--10. (Amended) Composition as defined in claim 2, for which the constituent solvent of the oil phase of the inverse latex is a compound of formula (Ib):



corresponding to the formula (I) in which q is equal to 0, or a mixture of compounds of formulae (Ib).

Amend claim 12 as follows:

--12. (Amended) ~~Composition as defined in claim~~

5, for which the constituent solvent of the oil phase of the inverse latex is a mixture of at least one compound of formula (Ib) and of at least one compound of formulae (Ia).

Amend claim 13 as follows:

--13. (Amended) Composition as defined in claim 1, in which the emulsifying agent or agents of the water-in-oil type are chosen from sorbitan monooleate, sorbitan isostearate or sorbitan oleate ethoxylated with 5 mol of ethylene oxide.

Amend claim 14 as follows:

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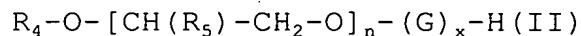
--14. (Amended) Composition as defined in claim

1, in which the emulsifying agent or agents of the water-in-oil type are chosen from sorbitan oleate ethoxylated with 20 mol of ethylene oxide, ethoxylated castor oil comprising 40 mol of ethylene oxide, ethoxylated sorbitan laurate comprising 20 mol of ethylene oxide, or ethoxylated lauryl alcohol comprising 7 mol of ethylene oxide.

Amend claim 15 as follows:

--15. (Amended) Composition as defined in claim

1, in which the emulsifying agent or agents of the oil-in-water type are chosen [lacuna] the compounds of formula (II):



in which  $R_4$  represents a saturated or unsaturated and linear or branched hydrocarbonaceous radical comprising from 1 to 30 carbon atoms,  $R_5$  represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical comprising 1 or 2 carbon atoms, G represents the residue of a saccharide, x represents a decimal number between 1 and 5 and n is equal either to zero or to an integer 9.

Amend claim 17 as follows:

--17. (Amended) Composition as defined in claim

15, for which, in the formula (II), G represents the glucose residue or the xylose residue and n is equal to 0.

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Amend claim 18 as follows:

--18. (Amended) Composition as defined in claim 15, for which, in the formula (II),  $R_4$  represents a radical comprising from 8 to 18 carbon atoms and more particularly an octyl, decyl, undecyl, dodecyl, tetradecyl or hexadecyl radical, the said radicals being linear or branched.

Amend claim 19 as follows:

--19. (Amended) Composition as defined in claim 1, for which the strong acid functional group of the monomer comprising it is the sulphonic acid functional group or the phosphonic acid functional group, partially or completely salified, and the monomer is preferably 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid, partially or completely salified in the form of an alkali metal salt, such as, for example, the sodium salt or the potassium salt, of the ammonium salt, of a salt of an aminoalcohol, such as, for example, the monoethanolamine salt, or of an amino acid salt, such as, for example, the lysine salt.

Amend claim 20 as follows:

--20. (Amended) Composition as defined in claim 1, for which the weak acid functional group of the monomer comprising it is the carboxylic acid functional group and the said monomer is preferably chosen from partially or

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completely salified acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, itaconic acid or maleic acid.

Amend claim 21 as follows:

--21. (Amended) Composition as defined in claim 1, for which the neutral monomer is chosen from 2-hydroxyethyl acrylate, 2,3-dihydroxypropyl acrylate, 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate, 2,3-dihydroxypropyl methacrylate or an ethoxylated derivative with a molecular weight of between 400 and 1 000 of each of these esters.

Amend claim 22 as follows:

--22. (Amended) Composition as defined in claim 1, in which the polyelectrolyte is a homopolymer of acrylic acid partially or completely salified in the form of the sodium salt or of the ammonium salt.

Amend claim 23 as follows:

--23. (Amended) Composition as defined in claim 1, in which the polyelectrolyte is a copolymer of partially or completely salified 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid (a) and of 2-hydroxyethyl acrylate (b) in an (a)/(b) molar ratio of between 30/70 and 90/10 and very particularly 50/50 and 90/10.

Amend claim 25 as follows:

--25. (Amended) Composition as defined in claim 1, in which the polyelectrolyte is a copolymer of the sodium salt, of

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the ammonium salt, of the monoethanolamine salt or of the lysine salt of 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid ( $a_1$ ) and of acrylic acid partially or completely salified in the form of the sodium salt, of the ammonium salt, of the monoethanolamine salt or of the lysine salt ( $c_1$ ) in an ( $a_1$ )/( $c_1$ ) molar ratio of between 30/70 and 90/10 and very particularly between 30/70 and 45/55.

Amend claim 26 as follows:

--26. (Amended) Composition as defined in claim 1, in which the polyelectrolyte is a copolymer of the sodium salt or of the ammonium salt of 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid ( $a_2$ ) and of acrylamide (d) in an ( $a_2$ )/(d) molar ratio of between 50/50 and 30/70.

Amend claim 27 as follows:

--27. (Amended) Composition as defined in claim 1, characterized in that the polyelectrolyte is crosslinked and/or branched with a diethylenic or polyethylenic compound in the molar proportion, expressed with respect to the monomers employed, of 0.005% to 1% and preferably of 0.01% to 0.5% and more particularly of 0.1% to 0.25%.

Amend claim 29 as follows:

--29. (Amended) ~~Composition as defined in claim 1,~~ characterized [lacuna] that it comprises from 4% to 10% by weight of emulsifying agents.

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Amend claim 32 as follows:

--32. (Amended) Composition as defined in claim 1, characterized in that it additionally comprises one or more additives chosen from complexing agents, transfer agents or chain-limiting agents.

Amend claim 33 as follows:

--33. (Amended) Cosmetic, dermocosmetic, dermopharmaceutical or pharmaceutical composition, characterized in that it comprises from 0.1% to 10% by weight of the composition as defined in claim 1.

Amend claim 35 as follows:

~~--35. (Amended) Use of a composition as defined in claim 1 in preparing cosmetic, dermocosmetic, dermopharmaceutical or pharmaceutical compositions.~~